



2020 HILLCLIMBER/PACHYDERM REUNION CANCELLATION NOTICE

It is with great sadness that I and Dennis Wilson have closed down this year's reunion for the Hillclimbers and Pachyderms. Although it appears to be getting better as far as the virus is concerned there is the underlying problem that the federal government and some state governments are not together on what they are doing and it goes down further than these bodies in some cases to the local government level. I do not want to chance that somebody could find themselves stranded in some state they were traveling through to get to the reunion. Their only crime being that they traveled.

I want to say one thing about the pictures displayed on this notice. This Hillclimber Party Time picture was done by Phil Assay who was a member of the unit when it was called the 147th. The A/7 101st AVN REGT patch is a historic Pachyderm patch. I want any Hillclimber or Pachyderm veteran or current member looking at this to concentrate on the word "Hillclimbers" and "Pachyderms" regardless of the numerical or alpha designation that the company carried at the time they were in the unit. This Hillclimber picture was copyrighted when it was produced some twenty years ago. The Pachyderm patch is one of their post-Vietnam War patches. As a matter of fact, at the time these images were in use, the majority of the Vietnam Hillclimbers and Pachyderms were unaware that their old units were still in existence. We, the old veterans, are thrilled that both units have lasted to today. Any Hillclimber or Pachyderm current unit member is a "veteran" of that unit the second they finished checking into the unit. You have something to tell us just as we have something to tell you. Veterans from any time period are a precious gift and welcome at any Hillclimber or Pachyderm Veterans Association Function.

Thank you,
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